

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

**MON VALLEY RAILROAD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.**

January, 2025



SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**January 1, 2025
Operating Session
9am til 3pm**

**January 2, 2025
Business Meeting**

**February 6, 2025
Business Meeting**

**March 6, 2025
Business Meeting**

**March 15 & 16, 2025
Spring Open House
Workers Needed!**

**March 16, 2025
NMRA Division 2
Meeting**

**March 15, 2025
Possible Train Show??**



EDITORS NOTE

I hope everyone had a Great Christmas! The new year is on its way and that means the January 1st Operating Session. This event is open to all society members and a few invited guests. Check with President Turton or Keith about operating on the HO layout. For the first time members who have O gauge may bring their equipment and run on the O gauge layout. Check with Max or Wally about running on the N scale layout.

Membership dues are due on January 1, 2025! A roster will be sent soon so you can check your type of membership and pay your dues. Dues may be paid by sending a check to Keith using his address listed in the roster or paid by check or cash at the Society. The last day to pay without penalty is March 31. Please pay as soon as you can so the Officers/BOD members have a good idea as to the society's financial situation.

Heaters have been purchased so we will soon have heat at the Society!

Remember, Model Railroading is Fun!

Rich Henderson, Editor



Minutes of the December 5, 2024 Business Meeting

Call to order by President Richard T. at 7:03 pm with 11 members, including 5 officers, attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting:
Rich H. moved that we approve the minutes of the November 7th business meeting as published in the December newsletter, seconded by Wally V. Approval was unanimous after no discussion.

Treasurer's report: (Keith D.)
Expenditures once again exceeded donations for the month somewhat but the Society remains in solid financial condition and able to meet it's obligations.

Publicity: (Rich H.)
Facebook followers are now up to 1,401 with 9 new. Open House posts received positive comments. Playroom was given open house flyers. Open House publicity is out to radio stations, newspapers and schools and Rich will issue a call for volunteers soon.

Richard T. recommended that we reach out to other businesses and organizations, e.g. Animal Friends, to let them know when we'll have an influx of guests. In a similar vein, we should request that the

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Mall management inform us about pending events organized for the common areas.

Publicity / Fundraising: Logo shirts: Richard T. related that logo garments are now available to order from Jon H. A group order is suggested to begin with followed by future orders at will.

Fundraising: (Richard T.): A possible train show / sale is under discussion for the near future. Jon H. suggested purchasing low cost tables at auction and sharing with other groups.

Membership: (Rich H.) Nothing to report.

Donations: (Rich H.): Facebook patron requested to donate her Dad's trains and may drop them off in the near future.

Facilities: Jon H. reported that electrical work is set for next week with outlets for space heaters prioritized. The heaters themselves will be ordered soon. TVs on four-screen rolling rack available now for videos / DVDs, rail cam feeds.

Old Business: None to Report.

New Business: Rich H.: Sharon Kearns, K-1 teacher at Amplified Children's Academy, Cheat Lake proposes to visit us on Tuesday, December 10th at 1:30pm in coordination with current lessons. Chaperones will be 1:1 parent per student.

Bill H. serviced an engine for Judy, ready for pickup during Tuesday's work session.

LAYOUTS:

O Gauge :(Rich H.)

More ballast was laid along with other scenery, rocks trees, bushes. Making slow but steady progress.

HO Scale:

Gary D. reported that the tower office is now painted and retaining an authentic look while blending well with original finishes in the space. Keith D. outlined progress on the scenic peninsula with plaster applied and contours taking shape. The valley crossing bridge is nearing completion, a major landmark, once achieved.

N Scale Layout:

(Max M.): Proposed expansion along front of layout indicated by cardboard add-ons. Max moved that these proposed extension of the layout be adopted, seconded by Rich H. Approved without dissent or further discussion.

For the Good of the Order:

Keith D. reminds members that Jim Kubanic's cars and other items are available to members and to the public at the upcoming Open House.

Spring Open House (March 15th - 16th) could be coordinated with the NMRA Division 2 meeting. Will need to coordinate with OLLI.]

Richard T. Keith D.: MVRRHRS Operating Session scheduled for January 1st, 9am – 3pm
Richard T. reminded the membership that there were too many spectators in the aisles during operations last time. He suggested possible alternative activities for attendees not currently crewing a train, yard or tower, e.g. displays, movies. There should also be a call board with markup and, importantly, mark out fields. An orientation meeting at the beginning of the session is advised. Car card boxes are still being located and

mounted.

Adjournment:

Rich H. moved that the meeting adjourn with a second from Max M. The time of adjournment was not noted by the secretary

Respectfully submitted,
Eric H., MVRRHRS secretary



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